



P E M B R O K E R U R A L D I S T R I C T

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR
1956.



To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1956.

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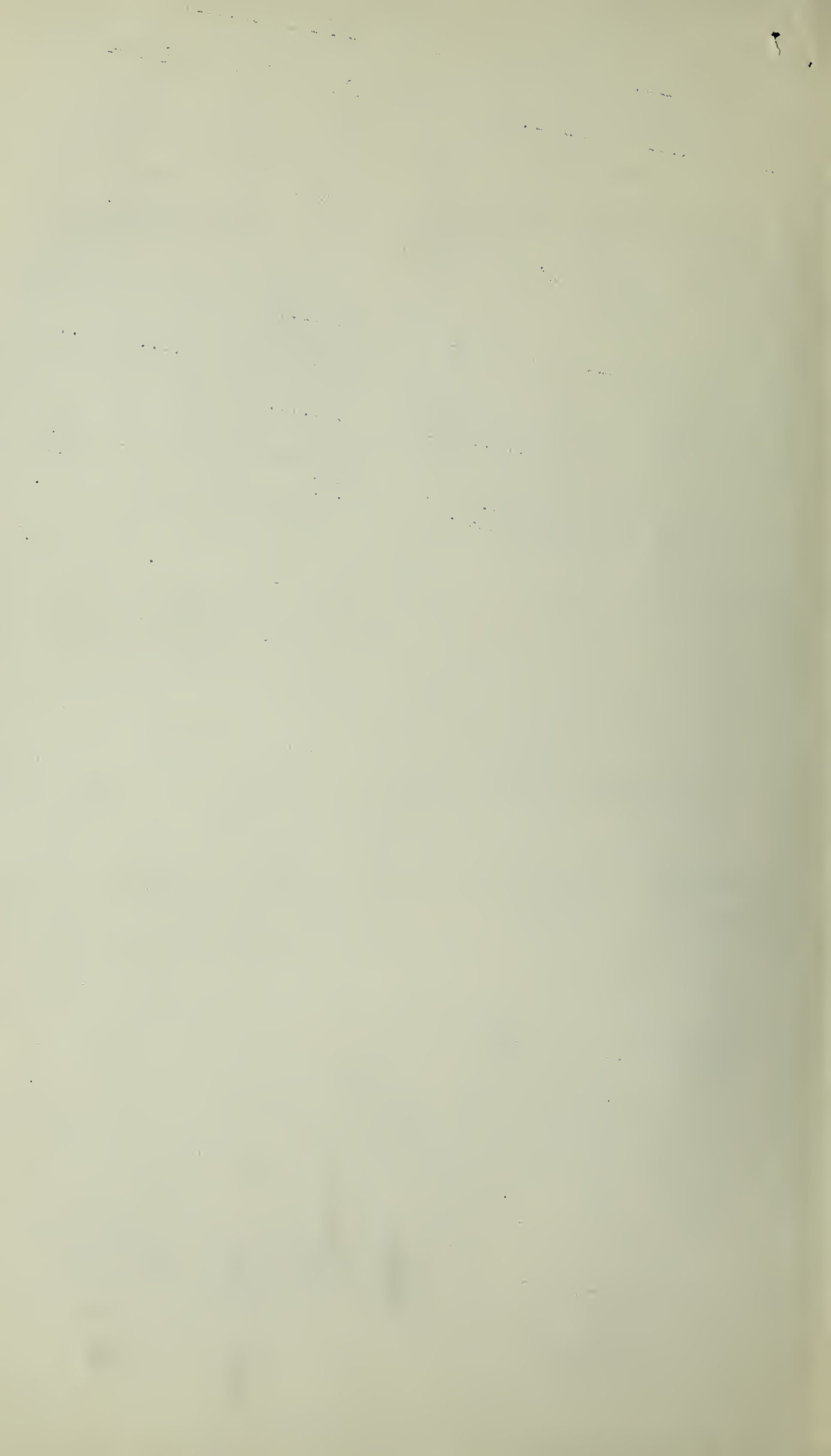
Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate).....1956.....
.....6,390.....

	<u>Pembroke</u> <u>R.D. 1956</u>	<u>Pembroke</u> <u>R.D. 1955</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England</u> <u>& Wales</u>
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	17.8	16.83	16.3	15.7
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	11.4	11.8	11.34	11.7
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births).	61.4	46.29	32.5	23.8

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	63	46	109
Illegitimate	2	3	5
Total Births	65	49	114

<u>Still Births</u>			
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Total	2	1	3

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	49	24
Infective and parasitic diseases	1	-
Malignant disease of stomach	3	-
Malignant disease of lung, bronchus	3	-
Malignant disease of breast	-	-
Other malignant disease	7	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	6
Coronary disease, angina	9	3
Other heart disease	9	7
Other circulatory disease	4	1



	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Pneumonia	1	-
Bronchitis	2	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1
Congenital malformations	2	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-
All other accidents	1	1

The death rate is a fraction lower than for the year 1955 and the birth rate is higher. Approximately 56.1% of the deaths were of persons over the age of 70 years, including 20.5% of persons over the age of 80 years.

The infant mortality rate is higher than for the last seven years. There were seven deaths of infants under one year of age, 2 of which were due to prematurity, 2 to congenital malformations, 2 to meningococcal infection, and 1 to hypostatic pneumonia.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Whooping cough	58	Erysipelas	1
Scarlet Fever	3	Measles	3

TUBERCULOSIS

There were 6 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified during the year and 1 which was transferred from another area.

The B.C.G. Vaccination of school leavers has now been carried out in the district since the Autumn Term in 1955, and during 1956, pupils who were aged 13 years or over, whose parents gave consent, were skin tested and when necessary, vaccinated.

Mass Radiography

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the County during the year. Inhabitants of this area had the opportunity of being X-rayed at Tenby, Pembrokeshire, or Pembrokeshire Dock, but it was not possible to make separate records of the residents of the rural areas who attended these centres. These figures therefore include the residents of Tenby, Pembrokeshire, and Pembrokeshire Dock.

<u>Tenby</u>		<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total no. of persons examined		971	439	532
No. found to be abnormal	10.2%	99	53	46
No. requiring further observation	1.24%	12	5	7
Other abnormalities of the chest	8.96%	87	48	39

Pembrokeshire

Total no. of persons examined		462	224	238
No. found to be abnormal	5.19%	24	9	15
No. requiring further observation	.43%	2	1	1
Other abnormalities of the chest	.76%	22	8	14

<u>Pembroke Dock</u>		<u>Grand</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total no. of persons examined ..		950	446	504
No. found to be abnormal	9.68%	92	42	50
No. requiring further observation	.84%	8	6	2
Other abnormalities of the chest	8.84%	84	36	48

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES. PART III.

Vaccination Records were received of 23 primary and 10 secondary vaccinations.

Immunisation During the year, 45 children were immunised against diphtheria and 4 received reinforcing injections.

Both vaccination and immunisation are carried out free of charge by local practitioners and records are paid for by the County Council.

Vaccination against Polio-myelitis

Vaccination against polio-myelitis was commenced in 1956, and children born between 1947 and 1954, and in certain months, were eligible for vaccination. At the request of the Ministry of Health this work had to be completed by the end of June.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948.

Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

Phyllis M. Bowen

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M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1956.

Details of the water supply are as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Houses Connected</u>	<u>Standpipes</u>
Angle	33	7
Bcsherston	15	-
Carew	116	18
Castlemartin	32	4
Ccsheston	82	4
Hodgeston	14	2
Hundletton	45	7
Lamphey	127	9
Mancrbier	152	12
Nash	5	-
Penally	133	-
Redberth	22	-
Rhescrewther	17	-
Stackpole	56	-
St. Florence	66	-
St. Twynells	10	-
St. Petrex	5	-
St. Mary Out Liberty	77	1
Warren	5	-

Angle Village

Waterworks and Distribution Mains

The above works, which include slow sand filters, chlcrination plant, and a large 20,000 gallon storage resevoir, were completed during the year. The supply, being gravitational, was connected to public standards, and 29 properties were disconnected from the old supply and re-connected to the new mains.

Samples of water sent for Bacteriological examination during 1956 were:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Doubtful</u>
Private Supplies and Wells	1	5	1
Public Supplies	8	-	-
Proposed Public Supplies	2	1	1

Sewerage

Milton/Carew Cheriton Scheme

A further two houses were connected to the sewer during 1956, making a total of 7 properties.

Carew Village Scheme

No new properties were connected to this sewer, leaving the total at 30 Council Houses and one private property.

Mancrbier Village Scheme

Considerable progress was made during the year with regard to the connections and conversions in the village. The position at the end of the year was that 18 council houses together with a further 21 properties had been connected to the public sewer. Work was also proceeding on other conversions and connections, with the anticipated result that the whole of the village would be connected in the following year.



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HOUSING

Nine Council houses were completed at Lamphey, bringing the total number to 244. A further 6 at Angle and 10 at Jameston were also under construction.

15 Improvement grants were made under the 1949-1954 Housing Acts, bringing the total of properties so improved to 33.

UNFIT HOUSES

Four unfit cottages were closed, the Council having accepted from the owners, written undertakings not to re-let in their present state, and a further five cottages were demolished.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	36
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	7
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	9
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column)	11
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	10

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

<u>Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10, & 16.</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	-
No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners).	-
<u>Public Health Acts.</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	2
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By Owners).	2
<u>Housing Act 1936. Sections 11 & 13.</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.	5
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders.	5
<u>Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.</u>	
No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	-

HOUSING ACT 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year	Not known
No. of families dwelling therein	"
No. of persons dwelling therein	"
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	6
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	6
No. of persons concerned in such cases	17

SANITARY INSPECTION

No. of complaints received	31
No. of defects or nuisances discovered	28

Summary of Inspections

Dwelling Houses :-

No. of inspections arising from housing applications	21
No. of inspections under Housing Act, 1936	24
No. of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants	29
No. of inspections under Public Health Act	11

Drainage	36
Infectious Disease Enquiries and Disinfections	12
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.	33
Schools	9
Factories (including bakehouses)	18
Shops (including ice-cream premises)	28
Refuse disposal	51
Water supplies	206
Miscellaneous	109

No. of Notices served.

Preliminary:	Housing	11
	Other	6
Statutory:	Housing	-
	Other	-

Summary Action

Summonses issued	nil
Convictions obtained	nil

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS

No. of registered Retailers	5
No. of inspections	26

Dairymen

Licensed to use the designation Tuberculin Tested	2
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CONDEMNED FOOD

It was found necessary to condemn the following:-

3 tins Coked Ham (31lbs. 2ozs.)

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Only one slaughterhouse is licensed within the district and the output is restricted to the needs of one butcher only.

Regular inspections were made and condemnations were confined almost entirely to parasitic conditions of the liver.

The following list shows the number slaughtered up to the end of the year.

	<u>Cattle excluding Cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep & Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Horses</u>
Number killed	106	6	31	411	80	-
Number inspected	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	24	4	-	37	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Further progress was made by the Council concerning the adoption of full scavenging powers under Section 72 of the 1936 Public Health Act. A decision was finally made as to the siting of a new refuse disposal tip at Lamphey, together with an order being placed for a new covered refuse disposal vehicle. Under the proposed new service, there would be a weekly house to house collection, the Council being then in a position to remove and dispose of the present communal bins, some of which were showing signs of harbouring rats and other vermin.

RODENT CONTROL

One of the Council workmen, normally employed on refuse collection, is engaged part-time on rodent control. Particular attention is paid to the Council Refuse Tip at Hedgeston and also to the communal refuse bins.

Many of the larger farms in the district are under contract with the infestation control division of the P.A.E.C., quarterly inspections being made under each annual contract.

FACTORIES ACTS. 1937 & 1948

INSPECTIONS

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2, 3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	8	10	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding cut-workers' premises)	6	6	-	-
TOTAL	16	18	-	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred</u>		<u>Procs- cutions</u>
			<u>To H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspector</u>	
<u>Sanitary Conveniences</u>					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	1	-	1	-

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